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In re Application of:
Mitsuaki Oshima et al.
Application No. 10/020,425
Filed: December 7, 2001
For: MARK FORMING APPARATUS, METHOD
OF FORMING LASER MARK ON OPTICAL
DISK, REPRODUCING APPARATUS,
OPTICAL DISK AND METHOD OF
PRODUCING OPTICAL DISK

**DECISION ON PETITION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181**

This is a decision on the petition filed on November 12 2008 under 37 CFR § 1.181 requesting that the Examiner consider all references listed on the Form PTO-1449s filed with the Information Disclosure Statement on April 24 2008.

The petition is **Dismissed as Moot**.

BACKGROUND

A notice of allowance was mailed on November 3, 2008. The Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) of April 24 2008 was not considered at that time. The IDSs of January 5 2005 and June 5 2006 were considered in the notice of allowance.

A petition was filed by the applicant on November 12 2008 requesting the references listed on Form-1449s filed with the IDSs filed stated be considered. The IDS of April 24 2008 was resubmitted concurrently with this petition.

REGULATIONS AND PRACTICE

MPEP § 609 states the following:

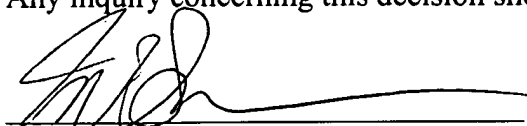
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OPINION

The February 16, 2005 IDS was filed under 37 CFR 1.97 and does meet the requirements of both rules 1.97 and 1.98 and MPEP 609 therefore consideration by the examiner is warranted. The examiner has already considered the document, a signed, initialed and dated 1449 has been scanned into IFW as of January 21, 2009.

Accordingly, as applicant's relief has already been received the petition is moot and therefore dismissed.

Any inquiry concerning this decision should be directed to Tod Swann at (571) 272-3612.



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